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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~10/833,863~~ 10/822,863  
Filed: April 13, 2004  
For: **Liquid Dispensing Device**  
Inventor: ROEKENS, *et al.*  
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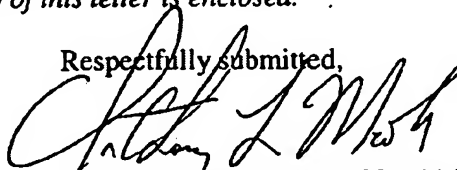
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1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Information Disclosure Statement/Form PTO-1449 with four (4) references; and
3. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

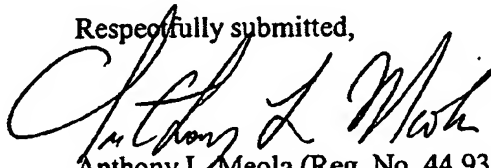
- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee is required, or
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- ☐ 4. Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification.
- ☐ 5. The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
- ☒ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/370,074, filed February 21, 2003, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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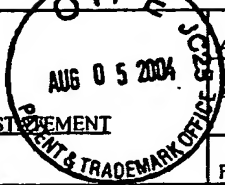
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	AA1	3,357,598	12/12/1967	E.J. Kraft	222	134	09/21/1965
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